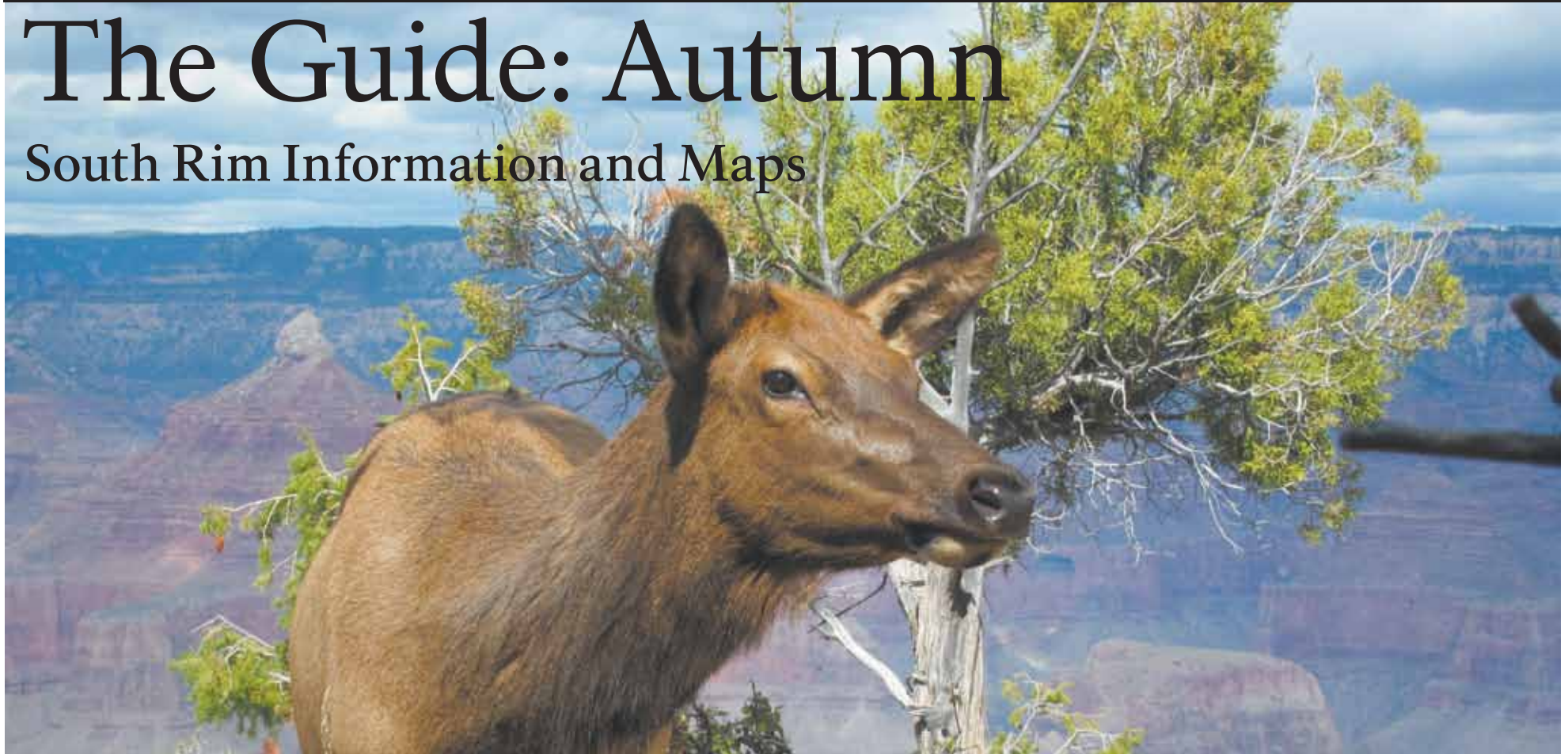




# The Guide: Autumn

## South Rim Information and Maps



Nonnative elk (above) and native deer can be especially aggressive in autumn and will defend their territory. Keep a safe distance of at least 75 feet (23 m).

### Need Information? Keep This Newspaper With You

Bring this Guide newspaper and your questions to a visitor center. Talk to park rangers, view exhibits, and learn about the park. The visitor centers, except for the Backcountry Information Center, also feature Grand Canyon Association Park

## How Can We Help Plan Your Trip?



Grand Canyon Association Park  
Stores and a stamp for your Passport  
To Your National Parks® booklet.

## Grand Canyon Village

GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER

8 am–5 pm

BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION CENTER

8 am–noon and 1–5 pm

KOLB STUDIO

8 am–7 pm

VERKAMP'S VISITOR CENTER

8 am–7 pm

YAVAPAI GEOLOGY MUSEUM

8 am–7 pm

## Desert View

DESERT VIEW VISITOR CENTER

9 am–5 pm

TUSAYAN MUSEUM AND RUIN

9 am–5 pm

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*Hello. We are not interested in hiking, but do want to see great views from the free shuttle bus or our own car.*

### Park rangers suggest:

- *Get your first view of Grand Canyon* by taking a five-minute walk from Grand Canyon Visitor Center to Mather Point.
- *Ride the free shuttle bus* to see Grand Canyon vistas. Take the Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus to see canyon viewpoints and Yavapai Geology Museum.
- *Drive the 25-mile (40 km) Desert View Drive.* Stop at viewpoints, learn about ancestral Puebloan people at Tusayan Museum, and visit the historic Desert View Watchtower.
- *View sunrise or sunset* by car from Lipan Point on Desert View Drive or ride the Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to Yaki Point.



*Good day. I am excited to explore the canyon on foot or by bicycle.*

### Park rangers suggest:

- *Walk any portion* of the 13-mile (20 km) Rim Trail to see Grand Canyon. Use the free shuttle bus to get back to where you started.
- *Hike into Grand Canyon* for a different perspective. Take a short hike on the scenic South Kaibab Trail to Cedar Ridge or prepare for a longer day hike on the Bright Angel Trail.
- *Bicycle the Greenway Trail* to South Kaibab Trailhead or ride Hermit Road to Hermits Rest to feel the wind on your face.
- *View sunrise or sunset* as you bicycle the Greenway Trail or stroll the Rim Trail to enjoy the changing light.



*Hi! I have children in my group and would like to see great views and participate in activities with my kids.*

### Park rangers suggest:

- *Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet* at any visitor center. Complete fun activities and attend a park ranger program to earn a badge.
- *Learn about Grand Canyon* at park ranger programs, such as the fossil discovery walk or elk talk. Be sure your kids get their Junior Ranger booklet signed.
- *Walk through historic Grand Canyon Village.* Wander through shops, grab a bite to eat, and see changing exhibits at Kolb Studio.
- *View sunrise or sunset* as you stroll the Trail of Time between Yavapai Geology Museum and Verkamp's Visitor Center.



**What is the best way to see Grand Canyon? Use the driving, hiking, and shuttle bus maps on pages 4–5.**

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### Welcome to Grand Canyon National Park!

Visiting places like Grand Canyon offers experiences and

exposures to environments completely different from those of our everyday lives. A trip to Grand Canyon can be memorable and life changing. One of my goals is for you to have a safe and unforgettable experience, but when you are away from home you may not always be aware of your surroundings and the risks they pose.

This *Guide* is a great way to get started. In it, you will find information about visitor services and park ranger programs, as well as a map and information about how to use the *free* shuttle buses. You will also find advice about seasonal conditions and how to stay safe during your visit.

The visitor centers are a terrific next step. They offer opportunities to ask questions of our knowledgeable park rangers and volunteers. Stop by Grand Canyon Visitor Center for an overview of the park. Learn about geology at Yavapai Geology Museum. Explore Grand Canyon's human history at Tusayan Museum and Ruin and Verkamp's Visitor Center. If you plan to hike, stop by the Backcountry Information Center for advice.

I hope your interest does not end when you leave. The park faces many challenges and I encourage you to stay involved. You can track issues and provide comments at [parkplanning.nps.gov](http://parkplanning.nps.gov). You can learn about park management at [nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/index/htm](http://nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/index/htm). I also encourage you to follow Grand Canyon National Park

# Special Programs

## HawkWatch International

**September 2 to November 5, 10 am–4 pm**  
**Yaki Point and Lipan Point**

Join HawkWatch International in the annual fall hawk migration count and learn to identify migratory hawks, falcons, and eagles. To join the observers, take the Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to Yaki Point or drive to Lipan Point, then walk a short distance to the left (southwest) along the rim. See page 3 for raptors in flight program.

## Go WILD for Wilderness

**September 3, 2014**

**Check at Grand Canyon Visitor Center for Event Information**

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, which provides the highest level of public land protection in the United States. Ninety-four percent of Grand Canyon National Park qualifies for wilderness designation and is protected as such. Is there a designated wilderness near you? Wilderness belongs to everyone—this year, let us honor it together! [wilderness.net](http://wilderness.net)

## Grand Canyon Music Festival

**September 5–6, 7:30 pm**

**Shrine of the Ages Auditorium**

The 31st Season Finale features The Catalyst String Quartet both nights. Tickets and information: [grandcanyonmusicfest.org](http://grandcanyonmusicfest.org)

## Celebrate Wildlife Day

**AND**

## Important Bird Area Dedication

**September 13, 10 am–4 pm**

**Grand Canyon Visitor Center**

Grand Canyon protects one of the most diverse habitats in the world and many birds, mammals, and fish call this canyon home. Come learn about park wildlife, talk to biologists, view live animals, and enjoy fun activities for families.

## Celebration of Art

**September 13–21**

**Multiple Locations**

The Grand Canyon Association invites you to enjoy this unique opportunity to see and purchase works of art from some of the best landscape painters in the country. Proceeds support the goal of creating a permanent art venue at the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. [grandcanyon.org/6th-annual-grand-canyon-celebration-art](http://grandcanyon.org/6th-annual-grand-canyon-celebration-art)

**September 13–18**

Plein Air at Grand Canyon—look for 25 artists painting along South Rim and North Rim. Check Grand Canyon Association's facebook page for artist locations.

**September 19, Sunrise to 10 am**

Watch artists paint along South Rim between Mather Point and Trailview Overlook.

**September 19, 7:30 pm**

Terry Lawson Dunn and Susan McGarry, authors of *Art of the National Parks*, will give a presentation and sign books at Shrine of the Ages Auditorium.

**September 20, 9 am–1 pm**

Quick draw event and auction—artists paint between Verkamp's Visitor Center and Kolb Studio, then auction paintings on the north side of El Tovar Hotel.

**September 21, noon to 2 pm**

Exhibit grand opening and art sale at Kolb Studio.

**September 21 to January 20, 2015**

Art exhibit and sale at Kolb Studio.

## Celebrate Wilderness

**September 25, 7:30 pm**

**Shrine of the Ages Auditorium**

Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act with an evening of special guest speakers who will share their knowledge and expertise on the significance of wilderness from the local to the national level.

## National Public Lands Day

**September 27, 8 am–4 pm**

**Multiple Locations**

Volunteer with the park's vegetation program to keep Grand Canyon green. Snacks, equipment, campsites, and free entrance provided. Advance registration required: 928-638-7753

## Celebrate the Colorado River for National Public Lands Day

**September 27, 7:30 pm**

**Shrine of the Ages Auditorium**

Join special guest, filmmaker, and photographer Peter McBride for a journey along the Colorado River exploring the river's role in the arid West.

Entrance fees waived for all visitors Sept 27.

## Earth Science Week

**October 12–18**

**AND**

## National Fossil Day

**October 15**

**Check Visitor Centers for Event Information**

Grand Canyon is an ideal place to celebrate Earth Science Week. A superlative geologic classroom, the park boasts one of the most scenic landscapes on Earth. Look for special earth science and fossil-themed programs throughout the week.

on Facebook and Twitter and consider becoming a Grand Canyon Association member.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable visit as you create wonderful new memories, and I hope you make plans to explore the over 400 national park units across the country.

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#### **Park Headquarters**

928-638-7888

#### **Website**

[nps.gov/grca/](http://nps.gov/grca/)



#### **Grand Canyon National Park**

Located in northern Arizona, the park encompasses 277 miles (446 km) of the Colorado River and adjacent uplands. One of the most spectacular examples of erosion anywhere in the world, Grand Canyon is unmatched in the incomparable vistas it offers visitors on the rim. Grand Canyon National Park is a World Heritage Site.

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### **Artist-in-Residence**

Few places inspire as much wonder and creativity as Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon National Park hosts two artist-in-residence programs—a seasonal program on the North Rim and a year-round program on the South Rim.

During their time in the park, artists present free, family-friendly workshops and presentations for the public. Call 928-638-7616 for specifics about the current artist's public programs or visit [nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm](http://nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm) for general information.



***Esopus Mystics: Mombaccus Dreamer*, by Polly Law, bricolage (mixed media collage), 20"x26", 2014**

#### **SOUTH RIM ARTISTS AND GENRES**

##### **September 1–21**

Photographer Ty Bowman from Artesia, California; [tybowman.com](http://tybowman.com)

##### **September 22 to October 11**

Animation artist Marieka Walsh and photographer Kurt Sorensen from Petersham, Australia; [thehunter-animation.com](http://thehunter-animation.com) and [kurtsorensen.com](http://kurtsorensen.com)

##### **October 12–18**

Musical guests Mare Wakefield and Nomad from Nashville, Tennessee; evening performance October 12; [marewakefield.com](http://marewakefield.com)

##### **October 19 to November 8**

Wood sculptor Michael Bauermeister from Augusta, Missouri; [michaelbauermeister.com](http://michaelbauermeister.com)

##### **November 9–29**

Mixed media bricolage artist Polly Law; Kingston, New York; [buttonwoodart.com](http://buttonwoodart.com)



***Sticks and Stones*, by Michael Bauermeister, linden, paint, stain, (3 panel triptych), 25"x38", 2008**



### **Be a Part of Something Grand**

*You can make a difference at Grand Canyon National Park!*

With your help, the Grand Canyon Association (GCA) supports an impressive variety of projects and programs that ensure all visitors enjoy the awe-inspiring wonder of Grand Canyon.

As the park's official nonprofit partner, GCA cooperates with the National Park Service to operate Park Stores in seven locations in the park. GCA Park Store purchases help fund new exhibits, scientific research, trail restoration, wildlife monitoring, ecological restoration, support for the arts, Junior Ranger and education programs, and historic building preservation.

#### **Explore Grand Canyon's Wonders with the Grand Canyon Field Institute**

Learn about geology, archeology, photography, yoga, and more, during fun and informative education classes. Activities include rim walks, backpacks, and river trips. Call 866-471-4435 or visit [grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute](http://grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute)

#### **Take Grand Canyon Home with You**

Join GCA today. Members receive exclusive benefits and discounts. For information, visit a GCA Park Store, call toll-free 800-858-2808, or visit [grandcanyon.org](http://grandcanyon.org).

# Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near Grand Canyon Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Since parking is limited, park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle buses to program locations. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Most programs take place outdoors and may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather. Times are mountain standard, which is the same as Pacific time until November 1 and then the same as mountain time beginning November 2.

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
9 am	<b>Fossil Discovery Walk</b> Explore what fossils tell us about the geologic story of ancient life and learn why fossils should be protected.	Bright Angel Trailhead sign	60 minutes 0.5 miles (0.8 km)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
10:45 am Sept 2 to Nov 5	<b>Raptors in Flight</b> Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journey and enjoy their beauty during this short talk.	Yaki Point Ride the free Kaibab/ Rim Route shuttle bus	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
11 am	<b>Condor Talk</b> Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor, its reintroduction to northern Arizona, and its ongoing struggle for survival.	Lookout Studio	60 minutes			√		√		√
1:30 pm	<b>A Walk Through History</b> Hear stories of people's enduring relationships with Grand Canyon as you stroll through the village historic district. Perfect for train passengers. Accessible.	El Tovar Hotel (flagpole)	60 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2 pm	<b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2:30 pm Sept 2 to Nov 5	<b>Raptors in Flight</b> Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journey and enjoy their beauty during this short talk.	Yaki Point Ride the free Kaibab/ Rim Route shuttle bus	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
3:30 pm	<b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
5:30 pm	<b>Elk Talk</b> Discover the secrets behind elk survival, understand their behavior, and learn about the park's management concerns.	Sage Loop Campfire Circle in Mather Campground	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
7:30 pm	<b>Evening Program</b> Relax in a beautiful auditorium and enjoy a presentation about Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. Accessible.	Shrine of the Ages Auditorium	60 minutes	√		√		√		√
Check visitor centers for information.	<b>Ranger Rendezvous</b> Discover Grand Canyon in the evening! Explore some of the park's lesser-known stories and facts. Programs include campfire talks, star walks, night hikes, cemetery tours, and more.	Check visitor centers for information.	Check visitor centers for information.		√		√		√	

## Raptor Rove

Between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm visit with a park ranger about park science or current research at Yaki Point. Offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Accessible.

## Discover the Canyon by Phone

Enjoy two-minute park ranger talks at 30 locations throughout the park. Look for cell phone tour signs, dial 928-225-2907, and enter the stop number. Hosted by the Grand Canyon

## Park Ranger Programs Down in Grand Canyon

Are you hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? If so, discover what is inside Grand Canyon with a wide range of natural and cultural history programs.

**Indian Garden, times vary, Saturday to Tuesday**  
Check the bulletin board for

**Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily**  
Check bulletin boards for program



## Explore Virtual Caches

Discover EarthCaches™ specifically tailored to geology, educational experiences, modern technology, and outdoor adventures. Stop by Grand Canyon Visitor Center or visit [nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/virtual-caching.htm](http://nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/virtual-caching.htm) to get EarthCache™ information and start your adventure today. You will need your own GPS-enabled device to participate.

## The Sun and Moon

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
September 1	6:00 am	6:57 pm
September 15	6:11 am	6:37 pm
October 1	6:23 am	6:13 pm
October 15	6:35 am	5:54 pm
November 1	6:51 am	5:33 pm
November 15	7:05 am	5:21 pm
December 1	7:20 am	5:14 pm

### Full Moon Date Rise Time

September 8	6:30 pm
October 8	6:22 pm
November 6	5:38 pm

## The North Rim

Grand Canyon's North Rim offers you a tranquil experience, but requires a four-hour, 215-mile (346 km) drive from Grand Canyon Village. Facilities are open mid-May through mid-October. Accommodations fill in advance; reservations are strongly recommended.

### Grand Canyon Lodge

877-386-4383 or [foreverresorts.com](http://foreverresorts.com)

### North Rim Campground

877-444-6777 or [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov)

Association.

## Learn in an Outdoor Classroom

**Teachers: Field Trips, Workshops, Ranger Classroom Visits, and Distance Learning**

928-638-7931 or [nps.gov/grca/forteachers/](http://nps.gov/grca/forteachers/)

**Expeditions for Teens**

[nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm](http://nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm)

## Grand Canyon Semester

Grand Canyon National Park is proud to partner with Northern Arizona University and Prescott College to offer a unique, semester-long program: Grand Canyon Semester. This interdisciplinary program engages students through a progressive, place-based learning experience that uses the greater Grand Canyon ecoregion as its classroom and laboratory. Classroom-based academics combined with extended field opportunities create a learning environment unparalleled in academics.

[nau.edu/Honors/GCS/](http://nau.edu/Honors/GCS/)

[prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html](http://prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html)

program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available.

*These programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available.

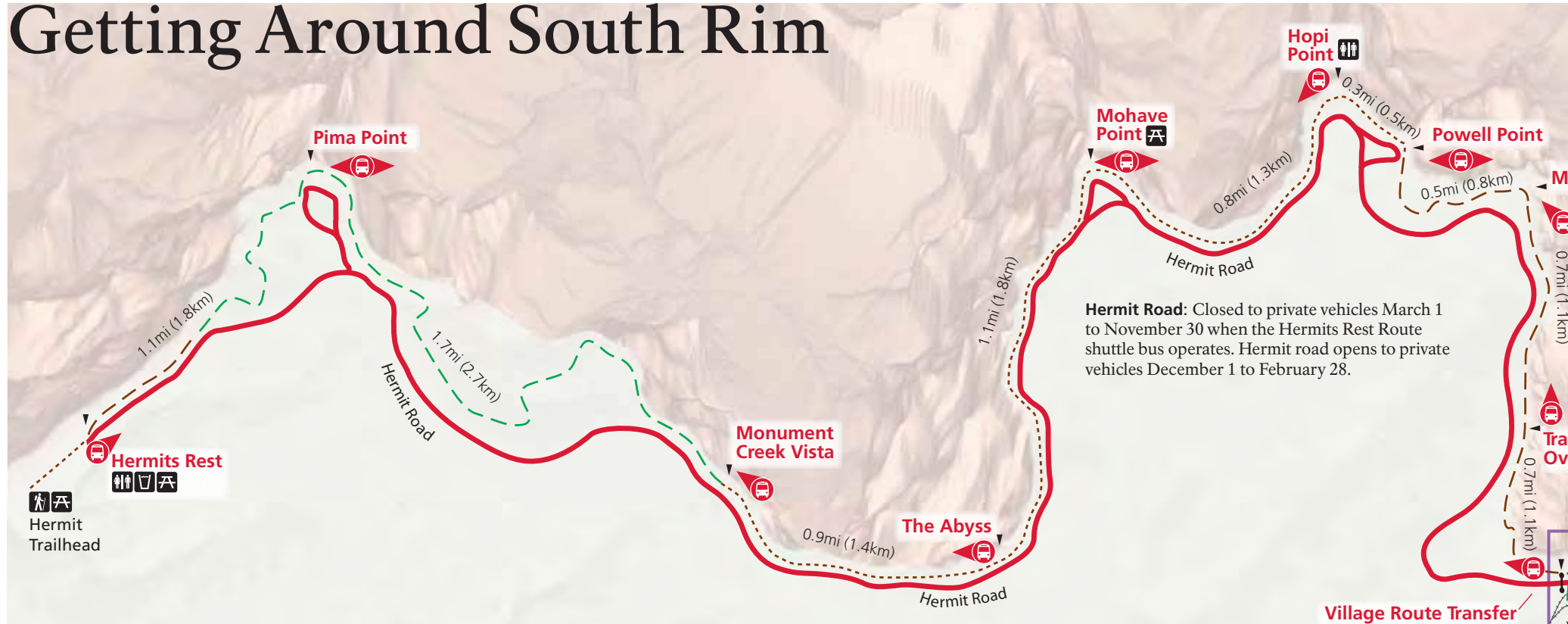
## Earn Your Junior Ranger Badge

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from a visitor center. Have fun learning about Grand Canyon by completing at least four activities and attending a park ranger program. Turn in the completed booklet at any visitor center and earn a badge and certificate. Special patches are also available for purchase at Grand Canyon Association Park Stores.

Junior Ranger programs are also available on the North Rim (May to October), at Indian Garden and Phantom Ranch, and at more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide. The Grand Canyon Association generously supports the Junior Ranger program.



# Getting Around South Rim



## Common Shuttle Bus Questions

*Are the shuttle buses free?*

Yes, your entrance fee includes free shuttle bus transportation.

*How do the shuttle buses work?*

Running like a city bus system, three shuttle bus routes stop at viewpoints, visitor centers, lodges, restaurants, and gift shops. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride. Shuttle buses do not drive to Desert View.

*Note: During the busy part of the day, buses fill quickly. You may have to wait for two or three shuttle buses to board.*

*How can I tell the difference between shuttle bus routes?*

## Common Driving and Parking Questions

*Where can I drive my car?*

You can drive roads indicated by a solid black line on the maps in this *Guide* newspaper. Yaki Point Road and Hermit Road are closed to private vehicles. To reach these areas, ride the free shuttle bus.

A Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. This permit is available at entrance gates, visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.

*Where can I park?*

Parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near shuttle bus stops.

## LEGEND

- Drivable park roads
- Village Route and bus stop
- Kaibab/Rim Route and bus stop
- Hermits Rest Route and bus stop
- Arrows indicate direction of travel
- Shuttle bus gate
- Paved Rim Trail
- Unpaved Rim Trail
- Paved Greenway Trail
- Drinking water
- First aid
- Information
- Parking
- Picnic area
- Restrooms/toilets
- Telephone
- Theater
- Trailhead

0 0.5 Kilometer 0.5 Mile

North



The front of the free, green and white shuttle bus displays the name of the route and its color.

#### *What are the shuttle bus rules?*

- No eating or open drink containers.
- No pets. Service animals permitted.
- Collapse strollers before entering the shuttle bus. No oversized or jogging strollers. Remove baby-back carriers when seated.
- Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but not tag alongs, baby trailers, or children's bicycles with wheels less than 16 inches (41 cm). Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
- Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

#### *Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?*

Shuttle buses are equipped with ramps to accommodate wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on shuttle buses.

- **Parking lots 1–4:** Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.
- **Parking Lot A:** Park Headquarters
- **Parking Lot B:** Market Plaza
- **Parking Lot C:** near Center Road in Grand Canyon Village
- **Parking Lot D:** Backcountry Information Center; includes auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

#### *Where can I learn about road conditions?*

Check at visitor centers or call 928-638-7496. Please slow down, take your time, and drive carefully.

#### *What else do I need to know about driving?*

Do not stop in the road, block traffic, or park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is allowed. Use pull-outs to take pictures and view wildlife.

#### **HERMITS REST ROUTE—RED ROUTE**

- 80 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at nine viewpoints
- Toilets at Hopi Point
- Water, snack bar, toilets, and gift shop at Hermits Rest
- Schedule:
  - Every 30 minutes, 5–6 am
  - Every 15 minutes, 6 am to one hour after sunset
  - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset. See sunset times on page 3.

#### **VILLAGE ROUTE—BLUE ROUTE**

- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, and campgrounds
- Grand Canyon views are a short walk from some shuttle bus stops
- Schedule:
  - Every 30 minutes, 5–6 am
  - Every 15 minutes, 6 am–7:30 pm
  - Every 30 minutes, 7:30–10 pm
  - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 9:30 pm.

#### **KAIBAB/RIM ROUTE—ORANGE ROUTE**

- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at several viewpoints, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Yavapai Geology Museum.
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead
- Schedule:
  - Every 15–20 minutes, 5–6:30 am
  - Every 15 minutes, 6:30 am to one hour after sunset
  - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset. See sunset times on page 3.

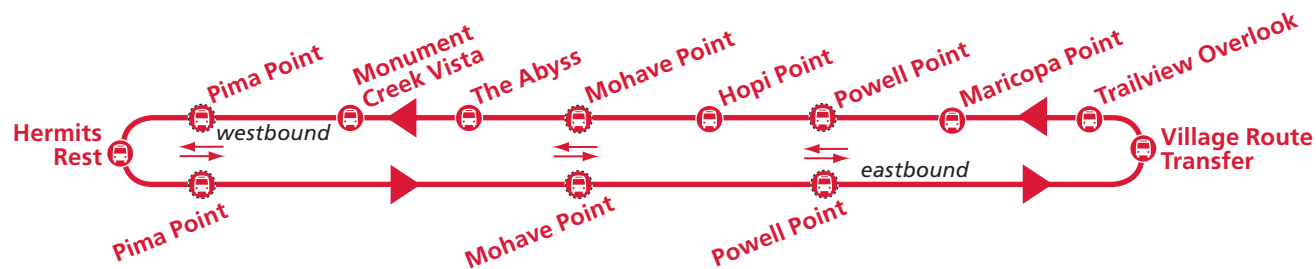
*Note: September 2-5, shuttle buses will begin one hour earlier than the times listed. The Village Route shuttle bus will run until 11 pm; visitors should be at a bus stop by 10:30 pm.*

#### **HIKERS' EXPRESS**

Express service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Shuttle bus starts at Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at the Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead.

Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:

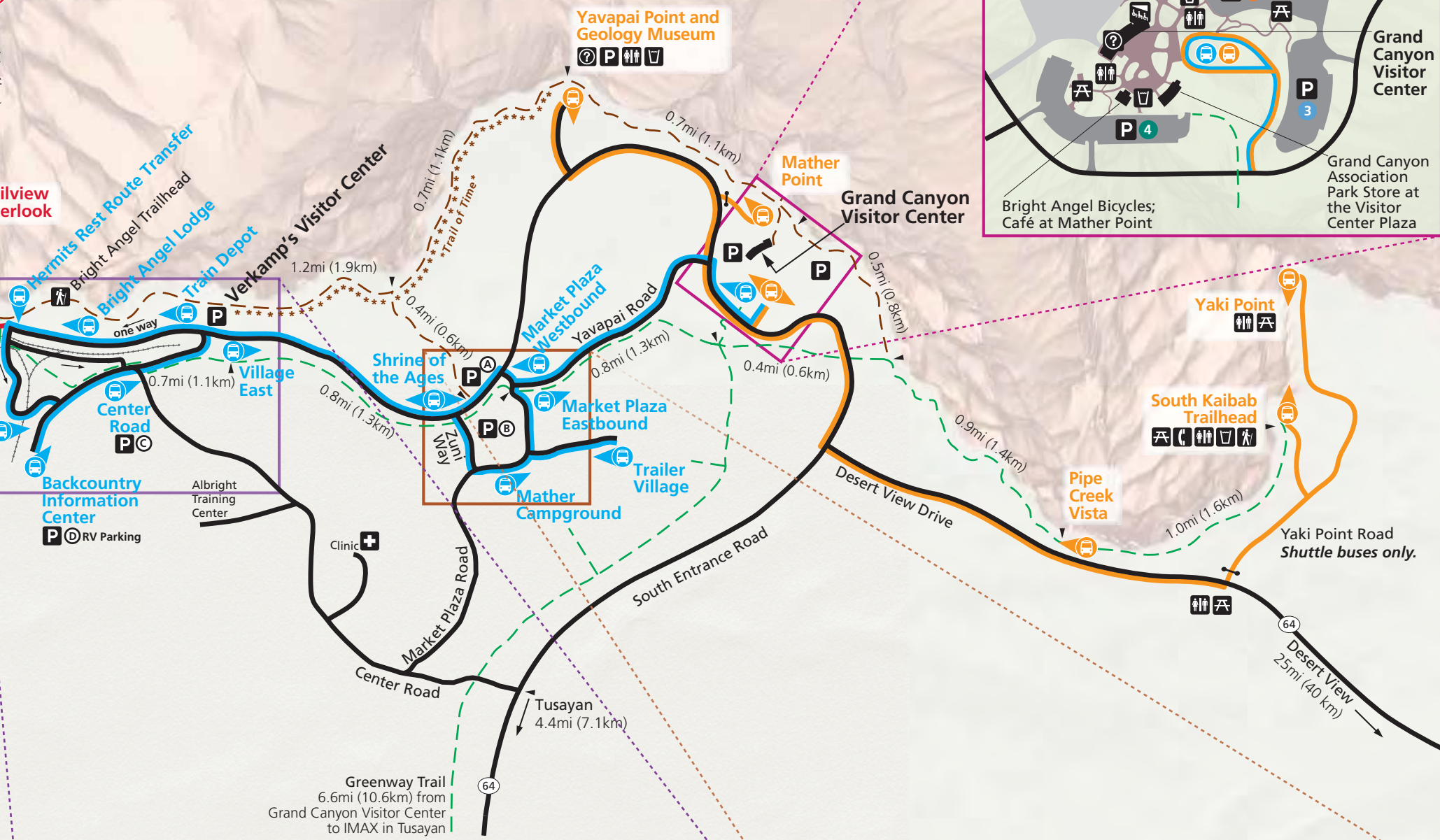
- 5 am, 6 am, and 7 am in September
- 6 am, 7 am, and 8 am in October
- 7 am, 8 am, and 9 am in November

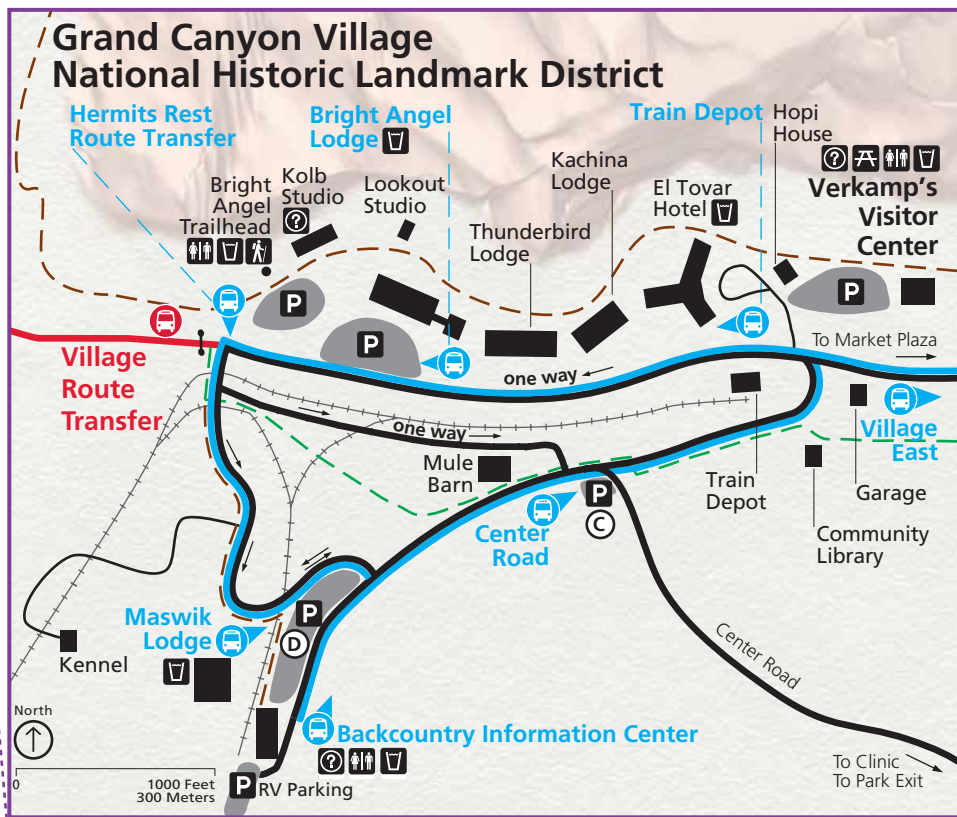




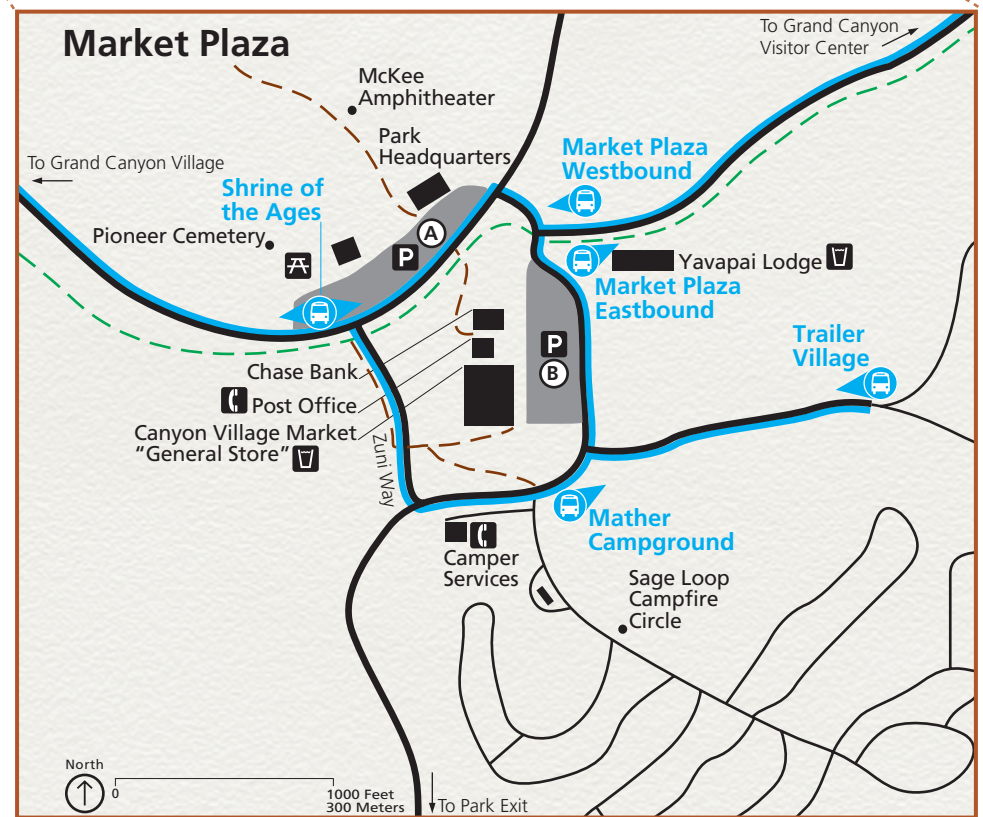
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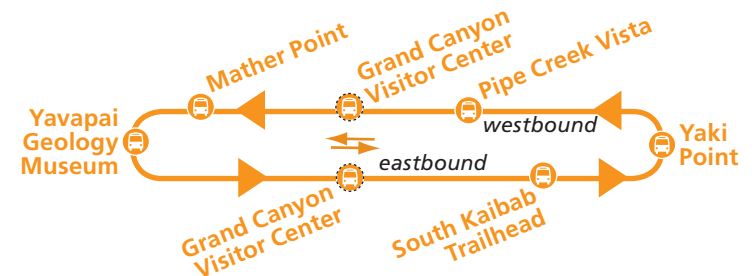
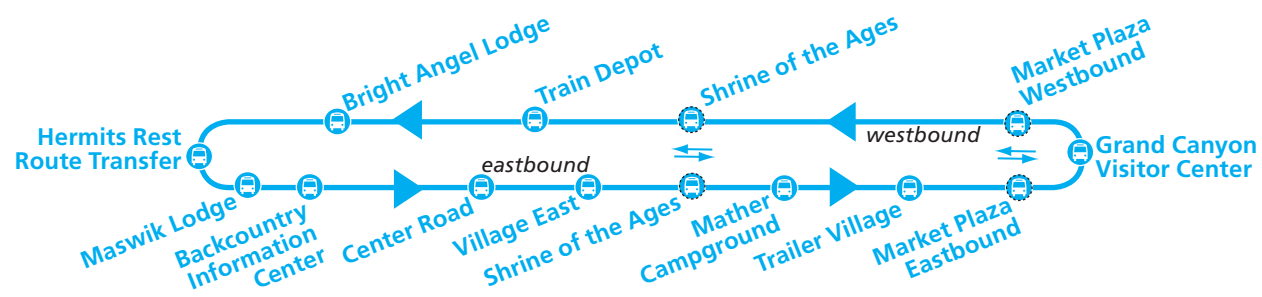




Find food, lodging, restrooms, free drinking water, gift shops, GCA Park Stores, and an ATM in the Grand Canyon Village National Historic Landmark District.



Find food, lodging, camping, restrooms, free drinking water, groceries, gift shops, and an ATM at Market Plaza.







# Stroll the Rim Trail

The Rim Trail offers a diverse hiking experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon, shown by brown or green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. Choose your adventure, from a short sunrise walk to a full afternoon hike. The Rim Trail is wheelchair-accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead. Add variety to your Rim Trail experience by walking one way and riding the free shuttle bus back. Distances below are one way.

Difficulty	Start	Finish	Distance	Attraction
<b>Easy, popular</b> Wide, paved trail; accessible for strollers and wheelchairs with assistance	Mather Point	Yavapai Point	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	View of Colorado River and Phantom Ranch
	Yavapai Geology Museum	Verkamp's Visitor Center	1.3 miles (2.1 km)	Touch rocks from all of Grand Canyon's layers along the award-winning Trail of Time
	Verkamp's Visitor Center	Kolb Studio	0.6 miles (1 km)	Explore local history in the village historic district
<b>Easy, Less Traveled</b> Little elevation gain	South Kaibab Trailhead	Mather Point	2.1 miles (3.4 km)	Great views of a trail going down into Grand Canyon; paved
	Monument Creek Vista	Hermits Rest	2.8 miles (4.5 km)	Quiet and less crowded with forest and canyon views; paved
	Powell Point	Hopi Point	0.3 miles (0.5 km)	Expansive east and west views of Grand Canyon; unpaved
<b>Moderate</b> Some elevation gain and/or rough terrain	Mohave Point	Monument Creek Vista	2.0 miles (3.2 km)	Unpaved trail with great views
	Hermits Rest Route Transfer	Trailview Overlook	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	Views of Grand Canyon Village and Bright Angel Trail; paved, steep grade

# Pedal the Greenway Trail

Bicycle along the canyon rim and through peaceful forest scenery by following the green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. Bicycles are only permitted on the Greenway Trail, paved roads, and dirt roads open to vehicles. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and trails down into Grand Canyon.

Obey all traffic regulations, ride single file with the flow of traffic, and wear bright colors and a helmet. *On Hermit and Yaki Point roads, bicyclists must pull to the right shoulder and dismount when a shuttle bus passes.*

## Tours and Trips

**Bright Angel Bicycles** Bicycle rentals, guided tours, repair/parts, and wheelchair and stroller rentals. Located near parking lot 4 at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Sept 1–15, 8 am–6 pm; Sept 16 to Oct 31, 9 am–5 pm; Nov 1–30, 10 am–4 pm, weather permitting. 928-638-3055 or bikegrandcanyon.com

**Xanterra Transportation Desks** Arrange tours and trips Sept 2 to Oct 31: Bright Angel Lodge 5 am–8 pm; Maswik Lodge 5 am–7 pm; or Yavapai Lodge 8 am–1 pm and 2–6 pm. Nov 1–30: Bright Angel Lodge 5 am–7 pm; Maswik Lodge 6 am–7 pm; or Yavapai Lodge 8 am–1 pm and 2–6 pm when lodge is open.

**Xanterra Bus Tours** Daily departures for sunrise and sunset viewing and to Desert View Watchtower and Hermits Rest. Reserve at El

# Visitor Services

Locations shown on the maps on pages 4–5.

## Food and Beverage

**BRIGHT ANGEL BICYCLES**  
**Café at Mather Point** Grab and go food and espresso bar. Sept 1–15, 6 am–8 pm; Sept 16 to Oct 31, 7 am–6 pm; Nov 1–30, 8 am–5 pm

**BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE**  
**The Arizona Room** Lunch Sept 2 to Oct 30, 11:30 am–3 pm; Oct 31 to Nov 30, lunch closed for season; dinner 4:30–10 pm, reservations not accepted; lounge 4:30–10 pm  
**Bright Angel Coffee House** 6–10 am

## Lodging

Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631  
Advance reservations: 888-297-2757  
grandcanyonlodges.com  
**Bright Angel Lodge** \$94–404  
**El Tovar Hotel** \$186–464  
**Kachina Lodge** \$194–209  
**Maswik Lodge** \$94–185  
**Thunderbird Lodge** \$194–209  
**Yavapai Lodge** \$140–174; closed Nov 2–26  
**Phantom Ranch** Meals, hiker dormitory, and cabin space located at the bottom of Grand

## Camping

**Mather Campground (National Park Service)**  
Campsites fill up daily during peak season, weekends, and holidays. Reservations highly recommended and can be made up to six months in advance at recreation.gov or 877-444-6777.

**Trailer Village (Xanterra Parks & Resorts)**  
\$36 per night for two people; \$3.50 for each additional person over age 16. Pull-through sites with hookups; dump station nearby. Kiosk:

**Bright Angel Fountain** Sept 2–30, 10 am–7 pm; Oct 1 to Nov 30, 11 am–5 pm, weather permitting

**Bright Angel Restaurant** Breakfast Sept 2–30, 6–10:45 am and Oct 1 to Nov 30, 6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–4 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm; lounge 11 am–11 pm.

#### CANYON VILLAGE MARKET

**Canyon Village Deli** Sept 2 to Oct 26, 8 am–7 pm; Oct 27 to Nov 30, 8 am–6 pm

#### EL TOVAR HOTEL

**El Tovar Dining Room** Breakfast 6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–2 pm. Dinner Sept 2–30, 4:30–10 pm and Oct 1 to Nov 30, 5–10 pm; dinner reservations recommended 928-638-2631, ext. 6432; lounge 11 am–11 pm

#### HERMITS REST

**Hermits Rest Snack Bar** 9 am–5 pm

#### MASWIK LODGE

**Maswik Food Court** 6 am–10 pm

**Maswik Pizza Pub** 11 am–11 pm

#### YAVAPAI LODGE

**Yavapai Canyon Cafe** Sept 2–30, 6 am–9 pm; Oct 1 to Nov 1 6:30 am–8 pm. Nov 2–25 closed; Nov 26–29, 6:30 am–8 pm; Nov 30 closed.

## Books and Gifts

**Bright Angel Lodge** 7 am–10 pm

**El Tovar Hotel** 7 am–10 pm

**Grand Canyon Association Park Stores**

at **Kolb Studio** 8 am–7 pm

at **Verkamp's Visitor Center** 8 am–7 pm

at **Visitor Center Plaza** 8 am–7 pm

at **Yavapai Geology Museum** 8 am–7 pm

**Hermits Rest Gift Shop** 9 am–5 pm

**Hopi House** Sept 2 to Oct 15, 9 am–6 pm;

Oct 16 to Nov 30, 9 am–5 pm

**Lookout Studio** 9 am–5 pm

**Maswik Lodge** 7 am–10 pm

**Yavapai Lodge** Sept 2 to Oct 15, 8 am–8 pm;

Oct 16 to Nov 30, 9 am–5 pm

Canyon. Next-day reservations: 928-638-3283; advance reservations: 888-297-2757

## Services

**ATM** Chase Bank and Maswik Lodge

**Canyon Village Market** "General Store"

Groceries, supplies, and gifts. Sept 2–28, 8 am–9 pm; Sept 29 to Oct 26, 8 am–8 pm; Oct 27 to Nov 30, 8 am–7 pm

**Chase Bank** Monday to Thursday 9 am–5 pm; Friday 9 am–6 pm. 928-638-2437

**Garage** Emergency repairs and tow service. 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm. 928-638-2631

**Kaibab Learning Center** Day care for one to 12 year olds; immunization records required. Monday to Friday, 7:30 am–5:30 pm. 928-638-6333

**Kennel** Dogs and cats need proof of vaccinations, 7:30 am–5 pm, 928-638-0534 For retrieval after 5 pm: 928-638-2631

**Lost and Found** 928-638-7798; 928-638-2631

**Post Office** Monday to Friday 9 am–4:30 pm; Saturday 11 am–1 pm; closed Sunday and federal holidays. 928-638-2512

**Religious Services** See schedules at Mather Campground, Shrine of the Ages, Grand Canyon Post Office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Park Headquarters

**Taxi** 928-638-2822

#### WiFi and Public Computer Access

**Park Headquarters:** Free WiFi 8 am–5 pm daily; computers available 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except federal holidays

**Community Library:** Free WiFi and computers available, 10:30 am–5 pm, Monday to Saturday  
**Hotel Lobbies:** WiFi available 24 hours a day; fees may be charged

**Canyon Village Market:** WiFi; see hours above

Sept 2 to Oct 31, 7 am to 9 pm; Nov 1–30, 8 am–5pm. Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631. Advance reservations: 888-297-2757 or grandcanyonlodges.com

#### Laundry and Showers at Camper Services

Sept 2–11, 6 am–11 pm, last laundry wash 9:45 pm; Sept 12 to Oct 23, 7 am–9 pm, last laundry wash 7:45 pm; Oct 24 to Nov 30, 8 am–6 pm, last laundry wash 4:45 pm

# Tusayan, Arizona

Located seven miles (11 km) south of Grand Canyon Visitor Center on Highway 64.

## Lodging

**Best Western Premier Grand Canyon**

**Squire Inn** 928-638-2681

**Canyon Plaza Resort** 928-638-2673; pets ok

**Grand Hotel** 928-638-3333

**Holiday Inn Express** 928-638-3000

**Red Feather Lodge** 928-638-2414; pets ok

**7 Mile Lodge** 928-638-2291

## Camping

**Camper Village (Private)** Hookups, coin-operated showers, laundry, propane, dump station, and store. 928-638-2887 or grandcanyoncampervillage.com

#### Ten-X Campground (Kaibab National Forest)

Last night of camping September 30; closes Oct 1 at noon. Some individual sites first-come, first-served. Reserve some individual and all group sites at 877-444-6777 or recreation.gov

## Additional Resources

**Arizona Highway Information** Dial 511 or 888-411-ROAD or visit az511.gov

#### Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce

888-472-2696, grandcanyonchamber.com

**Kaibab National Forest** Tusayan Ranger District ranger station, 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday. 928-638-2443

Tovar Hotel concierge desk, transportation desks, 928-638-2631, or grandcanyonlodges.com

**Xanterra Mule Trips** Overnight trips to Phantom Ranch depart daily; two-night trips available starting Nov 1. A two-hour canyon vista ride along the rim departs twice daily. Inquire at Bright Angel transportation desk or call 928-638-3283.

## Activities

Fixed-wing and helicopter tours.

**Grand Canyon Airlines** 800-528-2413

**Grand Canyon Helicopters** 800-541-4537

**Maverick Airlines** 800-218-9932

**Maverick Helicopters** 800-962-3869

**Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters**

800-528-2418

**Vision Airlines** 800-256-8767

**Westwind Aviation** 888-869-0866

#### Grand Canyon Apache Stables

Horseback riding reservations: 928-638-2891

**IMAX Theater** Sept 2 to Oct 31, open 8 am–10 pm; first show 8:30 am, last show 8:30 pm. Nov 1–30, open 9 am–8 pm.; first show 9:30 am, last show 6:30 pm. Movie shown every hour on the half hour. Food and gifts available. 928-638-2468

## River Rafting

**SMOOTH-WATER RAFT TRIPS**

**OUTSIDE THE PARK**

**Colorado River Discovery**

888-522-6644 or raftthecanyon.com

**WHITEWATER RAFT TRIPS**

**INSIDE THE PARK**

nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/whitewater-rafting.htm



# Day Hikes Below the Rim

A day hike into Grand Canyon affords an unparalleled experience. Knowledge, preparation, and a good plan are all keys to success. Consider purchasing a trail guide at a Park Store before venturing down the trail. Gauge your fitness level, be honest about your health, and don't compare yourself to five years ago. Know your limits and avoid spontaneity—Grand Canyon is an extreme environment!

Park rangers say "going down is optional, but coming up is mandatory." Plan your hike knowing it takes twice as long to hike up as it does to hike down. *Stay together, follow your plan, and know where and how to seek help.*

## Backcountry Camping Permits

You must obtain a permit from the Backcountry Information Center to camp anywhere in the park other than in a developed campground on the South Rim or North Rim. A limited number of last minute walk-up permits are available.

For additional information about day and overnight hiking, visit the Backcountry Information Center or [nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm](https://nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm).



Trail	Destination	Distance Roundtrip	Difficulty; Temperature	Elevation Change From the Rim	Time Roundtrip	Facilities
<b>Bright Angel Trail:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follows the Bright Angel Fault down Garden Creek Canyon</li> <li>Well-maintained trail</li> <li>Park at Grand Canyon Visitor Center and ride the <a href="#">Village Route</a> shuttle bus to the Hermits Rest Route Transfer or park at the Backcountry Information Center and walk to the trailhead</li> <li>Water and toilets available at trailhead</li> <li>Water occasionally not available at resthouses and Indian Garden due to water pipeline breaks—check before descending; seasonal water is usually turned off in October</li> </ul>	Upper Tunnel	0.4 miles (0.6 km)	easy; warm	60 feet (20 m)	20 minutes	none
	Lower Tunnel	1.7 miles (2.8 km)	moderate; warm	590 feet (180 m)	1–2 hours	none
	1½-Mile Resthouse	3 miles (4.8 km)	moderate; hot	1,120 feet (340 m)	2–4 hours	seasonal water, toilets, emergency phone
	3-Mile Resthouse	6 miles (9.6 km)	difficult; hot	2,120 feet (645 m)	4–6 hours	seasonal water, toilets, emergency phone
	Indian Garden	9 miles (14.4 km)	very difficult; very hot	3,040 feet (925 m)	6–9 hours	water, toilets, ranger station, camping, emergency phone
	Plateau Point	12 miles (19.3 km)	very difficult; very hot	3,080 feet (940 m)	9–12 hours	seasonal water
<b>South Kaibab Trail:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follows an exposed ridge line revealing the best views during a relatively short hike</li> <li>Well-maintained trail</li> <li>Ride the <a href="#">Kaibab/Rim Route</a> or Hikers' Express shuttle bus to the South Kaibab Trailhead</li> <li>Water, toilets, and pay phone located at trailhead</li> </ul>	Ooh Aah Point	1.8 miles (2.9 km)	moderate; warm	760 feet (230 m)	1–2 hours	none
	Cedar Ridge	3 miles (4.8 km)	difficult; hot	1,120 feet (340 m)	2–4 hours	toilets
	Skeleton Point	6 miles (9.6 km)	very difficult; very hot	2,040 feet (620 m)	4–6 hours	none
<b>Hermit Trail and Dripping Spring Trail:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers intimate views of a long side canyon</li> <li>Rough and unmaintained—for experienced desert hikers only</li> <li>Begins west of Hermits Rest; ride the <a href="#">Hermits Rest Route</a> shuttle bus</li> <li>Water and toilets available at Hermits Rest</li> </ul>	Hermit Basin	2.8 miles (4.5 km)	difficult; hot	1,240 feet (380 m)	2–4 hours	none
	Santa Maria Spring	5 miles (8 km)	very difficult; extremely hot	1,680 feet (510 m)	4–6 hours	must treat water
	Dripping Spring	7 miles (11.3 km)	very difficult; extremely hot	1,040 feet (315 m)	5–7 hours	must treat water

## 9 Essentials for Your Day Pack

**Water** At least two liters of water depending on hike intensity and duration. Drink to thirst. Always bring a method to treat water.

**Food** Bring salty snacks and a full meal. Eat often, even if you are not hungry. Snack every time you hydrate.

**First Aid Kit and Survival Tools** Also include medications, blister care, and duct tape.

**Map** Know your route. Many trails are well marked, but some are not.

**Flashlight or Headlamp** You may end up hiking in the dark unexpectedly; cell phones do not provide adequate light.

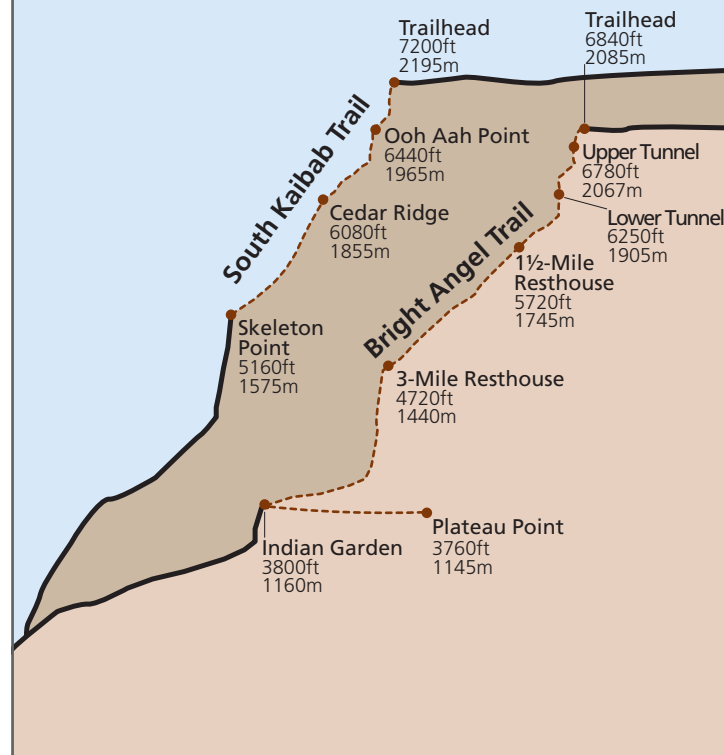
**Sun Protection** Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, and a sun umbrella.

**Communication** Whistle or signal mirror; while cell phones are not reliable, they may be helpful.

**Simple Shelters** Emergency tarp with reflective side.

**Weather-appropriate Clothing and Footwear** Layer for the weather, protect yourself from the sun, and wear hiking boots with good soles. Remember, the weather can change suddenly.

## South Kaibab Trail, Bright Angel Trail Profiles



## 4 Dangerous Health Risks

**Common Challenges** Any activity at high elevation and in a dry environment can bring your body to its limits, exacerbate medical conditions or current illnesses, or harm you if you do not exercise regularly.

**Heat-related Illnesses** Beware of over-exposure to hot, dry weather. Rest in the shade, hydrate, and eat high-energy foods. When temperatures reach 95°F (35°C), consider shortening your hike. *If the weather is still hot, start and finish your hike before 10 am or after 4 pm. Do not hike during the heat of the day.*

**Hyponatremia** This common hiking illness occurs from overhydration and low salt ingestion during a strenuous hike—a deadly condition if ignored. Balance hydration with salty snack intake, eat a well-rounded lunch, and rest frequently. Drink to thirst and eat snacks regularly.

**Over Exertion** When looking from the rim into Grand Canyon everything looks close—but it is not! Know your limits, pace yourself, and take a 5- to 10-minute break every hour. If you are not feeling well, rest at least 30 minutes. Turn around on your hike before you feel tired.

## Hermit Trail, Dripping Spring Trail Profiles



## Warning!

*Hiking to the river and back in one day is not recommended* due to long distances, extreme temperature changes, and a near 5,000-foot (1,500 m) elevation change each way. If you think you have the fitness and experience to attempt this *extremely strenuous* hike, please seek the advice of a park ranger at the Backcountry Information Center.

**No Swimming** The Colorado River is fast, wide, and a cold 46°F (8°C) year-round. Do not swim in the river—you will perish!



# Desert View



## Park Ranger Programs

### Tusayan Ruin Tour

Explore how ancestral Puebloan people found food and water while creating homes at Grand Canyon. 1:30 pm  
20 minutes on a flat, easy trail; accessible  
Tusayan Museum

See page 3 for programs in Grand Canyon Village.

## Services

### Desert View Market

Sept 2–28, 9 am–6 pm; Sept 29 to Nov 30, 9 am–5 pm

### Desert View Service Station

Sept 2 to Oct 22, 9 am–5 pm; closed Oct 23 to Nov 30. Fuel, including diesel, available 24 hours a day

## Food and Beverage

### Desert View Snack Bar

Sept 2 to Oct 15, 9 am–6 pm; Oct 16 to Nov 30, 9 am–5 pm; located in Desert View Trading Post

## Camping

### Desert View Campground (National Park Service)

\$12/night; no hookups; maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m); first-come, first-served self registration. Last night of camping Oct 18; closes Oct 19 and reopens in May 2015.

## Books and Gifts

### Desert View Trading Post

Sept 2 to Oct 15, 9 am–6 pm; Oct 16 to Nov 30, 9 am–5 pm

### Desert View Watchtower

Sept 2 to Oct 15, 9 am–6 pm; Oct 16 to Nov 30, 9 am–5 pm

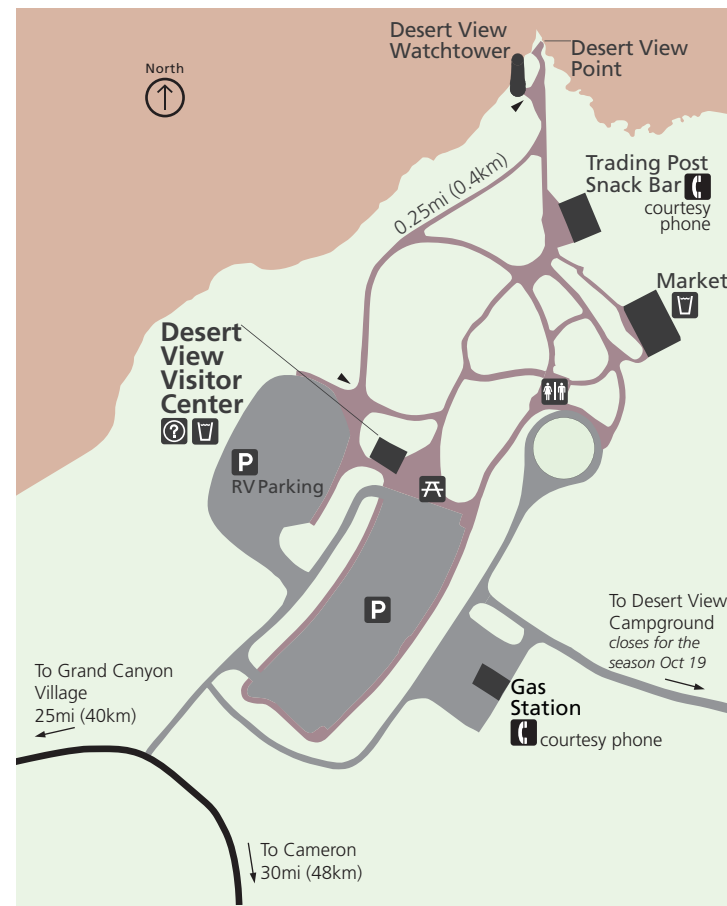
### Desert View Watchtower Stairs

Sept 2 to Oct 15, 9 am–5:30 pm; Oct 16 to Nov 30, 9 am–4:30 pm

### Grand Canyon Association Park Stores

at **Desert View Visitor Center**  
9 am–5 pm

at **Tusayan Museum and Ruin**  
9 am–5 pm



# Protect the Park, Protect Yourself



## Elevation and Weather Safety

Use sunblock, stay hydrated, take your time, and rest in the shade to reduce the risk of sunburn, dehydration, nausea, shortness of breath, and exhaustion. The South Rim's high elevation (7,000 feet/2,135 m) and dry climate will affect you differently than your home environment.

Autumn weather varies greatly and can change suddenly. Be prepared with layered clothing for heat, rain, wind, and even snow.

Please slow down and drive carefully during inclement weather.

## Emergencies

Dial 911 or from hotel rooms dial 9-911

### North Country Grand Canyon Clinic

Sept 2 to Oct 14, 8 am–6 pm, daily; Oct 15 to Nov 30, 8 am–5 pm, Monday to Friday.  
928-638-2551

## Protect and Respect Wildlife

Never approach or feed any animal. It is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal.

**Deer and elk:** Keep a safe distance of at least 75 feet (23 m). Elk and deer can be especially aggressive in autumn and will defend their territory.

You may notice staff working near the El Tovar Hotel. The National Park Service is removing non-native plants that bring in the non-native elk.

**Squirrels:** Do not feed the squirrels. They will bite and can carry fleas with the plague.

**California condor:** Stay at least 75 feet (23 m) away from these endangered birds.

## Free Water Filling Stations

Free Grand Canyon spring water is available from bottle filling stations at major trailheads, visitor centers, grocery stores, and lodges. Bring your own or buy a reusable water bottle at Park Stores or gift shops. Stay hydrated and reduce your environmental footprint.

It takes three liters of water to create one liter of bottled water. In an effort to reduce water over-use, litter, plastics in the waste stream, and greenhouse gas emissions, the park eliminated the sale of water packaged in individual disposable containers.

## View Grand Canyon Safely

Stay at least 6 feet (2 m) from the edge and hold on to children. Always be aware of your surroundings. Do not back up without first looking where you are going.

## Where Can I Take My Pet?

Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails. Pets are not allowed below the rim, in buildings, or on shuttle buses. These limits do not apply to service animals. Anyone wishing to take a service animal below the rim must check in at the Backcountry Information Center. For kennel information see page 6.

## Never Throw Anything Over the Edge

Never throw rocks, coins, trash, or anything else over the edge. Objects tossed over the edge or dislodged by walking off trail can injure hikers and wildlife below.

**You can help protect the rocks, plants, animals, and artifacts at Grand Canyon National Park. Please do not collect anything or leave trash or graffiti.**

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